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SUBJ: PROPOSED FY '75 SFC PROGRAM FOR SCIENCE AGENCIES

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1. I CALLED ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY MOHAMED RIAD TODAY TO GIVE HIM LST OF PROPOSED '75 SFC PROGRAMS FOR SCIENCE AGENCIES CONTAINED IN ENCLOSURE TO REF MESSAGE. IN DOING SO, I ASKED FOR EXPEDITIOUS MFA ACTION TO CLEAR THE PROGRAM. I REMINDED HIM THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED FOR PAST SEVEN YEARS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS AND HAS DONE MUCH TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES DURING THE DIFFICULT PERIOD. WHILE WE WERE NOW COMPLYING WITH HIS REQUEST TO SEEK MFA QUOTE CO-ORDINATION CLEARANCE UNQUOTE, I ASKED FOR HIS PERSONAL HELP IN ENSURING THAT THIS NEW PROCESS NOT BE ALLOWED TO CAUSE BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS IN APPROVING PROJECTS. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, FUNDS WILL BE LOST AND BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE THE LOSERS. I ALSO NOTED 107 SUCH PROJECTS WERE ON-GOING, WHILE 85 WERE NEW.

2. AS REQUESTED REF MESSAGE, I CALLED RIAD'S PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSED NSF GEOPHYSICAL PROJECT ENTITLED QUOTE GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN EASTERN DESERT OF EGYPT AND RED SEA UNQUOTE. I NOTED ITS SPECIAL IMPORTANCE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ASKED THAT IT BE GIVEN SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

3. RIAD EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR OUR PROVIDING HIM WITH THE LIST. HE REITERATED THAT HIS OFFICE IN THE MFA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO HANDLE SUCH MATTERS. UNDERSECRETARY BULBUL'S OFFICE, WHICH HANDLES CULTURAL COOPERATION, IS NO LONGER INVOLVED. HE PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH FAHMY WHEN LATTERS RETURNS FROM ALEXANDRIA TOMORROW EVENING AND TO LET ME KNOW HOW FAHMY WANTS TO PROCEED ON THE LIST. HE SAID HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPEDITIOUS ACTION AND ASKED ME TO ASSURE THE DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED USG SCIENCE AGENCIES THAT HE PERSONALLY WILL DO HIS UTMOST TO SEE THAT THIS TAKES PLACE.

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